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Remarks

The Examiner has objected to claims 40 and 42 due to misprints, which have been corrected in the instant amendment. Claim 45 stands rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph due to lack of antecedent basis for "said holding means". This rejection has been addressed in the instant amendment by changing the dependency of claim 45 to claim 43, as suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner has otherwise indicated that the claims are allowable.

The Applicant believes this communication to be fully responsive to all remaining issues in this application and to place the application into a position of allowance. Review and acceptance as well as passage to issuance is therefore requested.

No new matter has been added in this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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